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Subject: Opposition to Pa. Senate Bill #83
& Support for Demonstration March in Harrisburg, ~~PA. March 11~~
to be held on Monday, March 14

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Opposition to Senate Bill #83 now before the State Senate was expressed today in Allentown by Ken Burke, Chairperson of the local gay rights organization, LE-HI-HO, and Joseph W. Burns, Allentown resident, who Co-Chairs a state-wide rights organization which claims the support of LE-HI-HO and thirteen other gay rights groups located in towns outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties. S.B #83 proposes to bar the employment of homosexual persons in state-related jobs as prison guards and staff persons, state police, and in institutions dealing with mentally ill, physically handicapped, and retarded persons. The bill, also, provides dismissal, fines, and jail for state officials who hire such persons to fill the prohibited positions.